



The Carpenter



Fr. Edward Fitzgerald Council No. 12772; 670 West Main Street; Plain City, Ohio 43064

July 2018 *New Star Council program – "Faith in Action"*



Your Council Officers for 2018-2019

Grand Knight	Todd Thobe
Deputy Gr. Knight	John Ciuca
Treasurer	Mark Needham
Chancellor	Mike Balmert
Recorder	Kevin Donovan
Advocate	Mark Collins
Warden	Jeff Pieper
Inside Guard	Joe Ahtner
Outside Guard	Jim Schwope
Trustee 1st Year	Carl Haaser
Trustee 2nd Year	Bob Hess
Trustee 3rd Year	Jeff Fisher
Financial Sec'y	Phil Powers
Program Director	Greg Wayton
Chaplain	Fr. Trapp
Lector	Deacon Tony Bonacci

District Deputy Report

Faith in Action

Jeff Fisher, DD



Beginning July 1, 2018, Surge with Success the 40 year old Star Council program has been replaced with **FAITH in ACTION**. As supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, "if we can't meet young Catholic men where they are, they will go somewhere else, and in this era, it is too easy to go somewhere else when we need them to be home. Home in the Catholic Church, home in their parishes, and home with their families."

As leaders and brother Knights who care about the long-term sustainability of the order, we are excited about men's desire to serve and the opportunity to consistently adapt to meet the demand of a changing world and the needs of future members.

We know that the chance to roll up our sleeves and demonstrate our faith through service is as powerful as it is rewarding. The calling is a fundamental part of the order's history and genesis for our new program model, Faith in action. This mission-driven platform is an excellent way to express our service program, as it speaks to our own efforts and to the interests of prospective Knights. Please watch for upcoming announcements and these new programs.

Vivat Jesus,
Jeff

Grand Knight's Report



Dear Brother Knights,

It is with pride I announce that council 12772 has again completed all program activities, membership increase requirements and new insurance members to allow the council to be designated as Star Council. It has been an honor to lead the council this past year but this Star Council designation could not have happened with the ongoing work of Bob Hess as Program Director.

Bob is stepping down as Program Director this year but will be readily available to help Greg Wayton learn the ropes as our Program Director. Please take time to thank Bob for his years of service as Program Director. Only now as Grand Knight am I learning the responsibilities of Program Director when it comes to keeping the council on task with the goal of Star Council.

Hope to see many of you at the 4th of July Fireworks viewing at the PAC.

Vivat Jesus!
Todd Thobe

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June Business Meeting Notes

Grand Knight's Report

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. Opening prayer by GK Todd Thobe.
- Previous Minutes approved.
- No new Member applications. Two new members admitted last month.
- Council was awarded the Holy Orders Award and \$1000 Donated award at the recent state convention.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Bank Balance noted.

Financial Secretary's Report

- Deposits - \$30 Membership Check, October Membership Blitz \$45, \$40 donation to Scholarship Endowment fund.
- Bills – Per Capita charge of \$613.10, \$455.88 to Todd Thobe for hotel charges at State Convention.
- \$270 credit to Supreme for future charges.
- 2018 Budget starts July 1. Will have an open discussion before the July Social meeting at the PAC. 6:30PM.

Program Activities Report

- Two Activities still needed for the Supreme Columbian Award.

Council Picnic on June 23 will be held at GK Todd Thobe's home, not the Haaser residence. More details to follow.

New Business

- 2018 Officer Nominations have all been approved.
- State Tour will be 7/15 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Parish in Pickerington.

Unfinished Business

- Council Picnic will be June 23rd at Brother Todd Thobe's house. Arrival 4:30 to 5:00pm time frame. Concerns about the weather have been raised. In case of rain a possible move to the PAC will be looked into.
- We will be again hosting the parking and grilling at the PAC for the July 4th celebration. 5:30pm start. More details to follow.
- Plain City Bicentennial parade will feature a St. Joseph presence on July 21st. Ongoing planning but GK Todd Thobe is looking for help in coordinating the event.

Committee Reports

- Membership quota for the Star Council Award had been met. Net 7 new members and 4 new Insurance members.

4th Degree/D.D. Report

- Jim Butler has agreed to provide a trailer for the St. Joseph marchers in the Plain City Bicentennial Parade.

Welcome new Brother Members

Council 12772 welcomes two new Brother Members— Joe Buckley and Aaron Wehner.

Joe received his 1st Degree on May 23 in a ceremony at St. Brendan and lives with his family, wife Connie and children Ben and Kenzie, in Plain City.

Aaron received his 1st Degree on June 10 at a ceremony in our Council Meeting Room. He lives with his family, wife Mindy and children Ava, Maxton and Ivan (one of our Council Scholarship winners) in London, Ohio.

Second Highway Trash Pickup scheduled for July 14

Brother Mark Needham has scheduled our 2nd Adopt-a-Highway trash clean up for 2018 for Saturday, July 14th. He hopes to get Knights involved that have not participated in a clean up yet, so he will be taking those Knights first and if there are not enough new Knights, then those who have previously helped will be asked.

New participants need to view the Safety Video, to be shown in the church basement at 9:30am on Pick-Up Saturday. All who have seen the video should be there at 10am. Clean up is typically finished by 12:30pm.

We need 8-10 knights for this job, so please let Mark know (hamms1865@yahoo.com) by July 1 if you would like to help. Other clean ups are planned for September 8th and November 3rd.

July Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights	Children (cont'd)
Tony Bonacci 7/1	Johnny Campbell 7/14
Eamon Costello 7/13	Rhys O'Conner 7/24
David Farrand 7/22	Grace Ciuca 7/19
Thomas Gilles 7/28	Ciara Donovan 7/25
David Kinkler 7/28	Daniel & Caroline Ciuca 7/28
Spouses	Kenzie Buckley 7/29
Ann Ciuca 7/17	Ally Miller 7/29
Carol O'Connell 7/20	Wedding Anniversaries
Joanne Mandel 7/23	Mike & Kathy Balmert 7/10
Mindy Wehner 7/26	Mark & Kimberly Walden 7/10
Children	Kevin & Jessica Schilling 7/15
Carter Schilling 7/2	Mark & Debbie Laux 7/16
Emma & Brooke Copoly 7/5	John & Jenna Campbell 7/17
Ben Ciuca 7/8	Cole & Emily Blankemeyer 7/18
Ryleigh Timberlake 7/10	Dennis & Jan Grose 7/22
Kollin Schnieder 7/13	Eric & Jodi Hanna 5/23
	Mike & Jennifer Peck 7/24
	Eamon & Shelley Costello 7/25

July Dates to Remember

July 11: 7:30pm Business Meeting at the Church

July 25: 7:30pm Social Meeting at the PAC

The Chat Corner ...

Adventure

By Lori Crock



I believe that most people who walk into the gym have a bit of an adventurous spirit. They might not know it at first, but they soon discover many new things about themselves as they start to lift weights and move in new ways.

I am very grateful for my gym members who trust me to keep them safe and to teach them new skills. Life is an adventure and learning a sport can be an exciting part of that adventure.

However, I believe that our faith journey, with Jesus as our guide, is the greatest adventure of all.

Our Catholic faith is rich and deep and gives us the opportunity for a lifetime of learning about God, ourselves and serving others.

This adventure with Jesus doesn't require us to travel to faraway lands. St. Therese of Lisieux wanted to visit all five continents to share God's love with others, but illness and death at age 24 didn't allow her to leave the convent. Her adventure centered around prayer and a desire to grow in holiness in her daily life. She is a patron saint of missionaries.

From *Story or a Soul* about St. Therese, "For me, prayer is an upward leap of the heart, an untroubled glance towards heaven, a cry of gratitude and love which I utter from the depths of sorrow as well as from the heights of joy."

Growing closer to Jesus is an exciting adventure that might make us feel like my gym members expressed: a little unsure at first, learning and doing things we never dreamed of, and excited about what's around the corner in our lives.

We don't know how our daily adventure with Jesus will unfold, but we trust in His love for us and we know He is right there with us.

Lori

Lori Crock can be found online at www.holyandhealthycatholic.com.

Council hosts cookout for July 4 fireworks crowd

A group of nine of our Council 12772 Brothers helped the July 4 celebration by providing a cookout for a huge crowd gathered to watch the Plain City fireworks show on the PAC grounds.

The menu featured brats, hot dogs and sautéed onions and peppers off the grill, along with popcorn, snow cones and cold drinks.



Manning the food tent were (r. to l.) rothers Thobe, Grose, Powers, Fisher, Ciuca, Haaser and Pieper.



Brothers Pieper and Ciuca grilled up the hot foods.



The early crowd had a 3-hour wait for the fireworks show.

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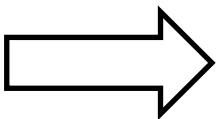
Council members, families enjoy an annual summer picnic.

Some 25 Council Brothers, families and friends gathered on Saturday, June 23 to celebrate summer and the end of our 2017-2018 Fraternal Year. The event was held at the PAC because of the threat of rain.

Special thanks go to Brothers Cuica and Donovan for a great job in cooking the dogs, brats and burgers, and to Brothers Thobe, Pieper and Ciuca for setting up the grill canopy and games.



More Fireworks Pics



Brothers Peck (l.) and Schilling collected parking fees—a hot lonely job!



Brother Haaser dishes out a snow cone for early visitors from Marysville.